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## HILO HAS NEEDS.

Wants an Enlarged  
Hospital  
Plan.

HILO wants to enlarge the scope of  
its hospital and to pay its super-  
intendent and nurse more money.  
The Hilo hospital, while under  
the direct supervision of a board of  
trustees, is a Territorial institution and  
receives from the Treasury about \$450  
a month for support.

The trustees have written to the  
Board of Health asking for power to  
increase salaries and also to receive en-  
dowments of beds from individuals  
and corporations. It is believed that  
some of the big companies and planta-  
tions in and about Hilo would gladly  
donate sums to the hospital for the en-  
dowment of beds.

The trustees of the hospital have ad-  
dressed the following letter to the  
Board, which was read at the meeting  
yesterday:

At a meeting of the trustees of the  
Hilo Hospital this week, Miss Murphy  
stated to the trustees that she did not  
feel that she ought to stay and work  
for the Hilo Hospital longer at a wage  
of \$25 per month, as she has received  
an offer for another good position. She  
has been with us long enough to  
demonstrate that she is thoroughly  
competent. She is a large, strong,  
healthy woman, and much liked by  
both patients and physicians. She is  
willing to stay on indefinitely at \$50 a  
month, but not for less.

We feel that not only she should be  
paid this amount, but that it will be  
an irreparable loss to our hospital to  
lose her, especially as Miss Grubb says  
she does not care to remain if Miss  
Murphy goes, for the work and care is  
more than she can stand without a  
reliable assistant. Miss Grubb has not  
lately asked that her pay be raised,  
and though she has heretofore said  
that she intended to stay whether her  
pay was raised or not, I know she con-  
siders herself underpaid, but she is  
sentimentally attached to the institu-  
tion. We have felt all along that it  
was an imposition to ask a nurse of  
her training and ability to work for  
the pay she has.

We, the trustees, wish to raise the  
pay of Miss Grubb to \$50 per month  
and the pay of Miss Murphy to \$50 per  
month. Miss Grubb is a very careful  
and economical manager, and she  
probably saves the amount of her  
wages each month in the running ex-  
pense of the hospital, and she uses  
very good judgment in her economy.

Our Hilo physicians tell us that we  
cannot possibly get other nurses who  
will be as well suited to the work here.  
As we have tried these ladies and  
found them in every way satisfactory,  
and they work together in harmony,  
we are satisfied that their services  
should be retained.

The Hilo Hospital is not an institu-  
tion suitable only for coolies and the  
lower grades of humanity, but it is  
popular and patronized by the very  
best of our people as well as the poor-  
est, and I do not think that any other  
similar institution on the Hawaiian  
Islands is kept as well as this.

I wish to be informed if the Board  
of Health will approve of our getting  
individuals, societies, plantations or  
transportation companies to support  
by the year or endow beds in the hos-  
pital; also, if the Board of Health will  
allow the trustees to rearrange rates  
of charge, with a view of increasing  
the popularity and income of the hos-  
pital.

The trustees think it would be con-  
ducive to the moral welfare of the  
Hilo Hospital to have an honorary staff  
of physicians, to be composed of all  
the doctors within reasonable reach of  
the town who are willing to serve on  
it, and we wish to know if the Board  
will approve of our taking steps to this  
end.

Hoping to receive a reply on the  
matter of the salaries of our two  
nurses as soon as possible, I remain,  
Yours truly, L. A. ANDREWS,  
Chairman, Trustees Hilo Hospital.

Member George W. Smith, after the  
letter was read, said that endowed beds  
were not in the province of the Terri-  
tory. If the hospital was semi-private,  
as the Queen's, the question might be  
considered.

Dr. Cooper thought that the Board  
had nothing to say in the matter, as the  
trustees regulated these things. Dr.  
Pratt said the hospital gets \$50 a  
month for its support from the Terri-  
tory. A committee was appointed to  
look into the matter and also to inves-  
tigate and settle the status of Terri-  
torial hospitals. The committee will  
consist of Drs. Emerson and Pratt and  
Raymond.

ASSUMES HIS  
NEW DUTIES

Collector Chamberlain  
Takes Charge of  
Office.

Internal Revenue Collector Roy H.  
Chamberlain will in the future carry on  
the affairs of that department in Ha-  
waii. He assumed charge of the office  
yesterday, vice W. F. C. Hasson, acting  
collector. The change was effected  
by Special Agent Fletcher during the  
two days in which the office remained  
closed to outside business.

The new office force under Mr. Cham-  
berlain is as follows: Harry D. Couzens,  
chief deputy; Philip R. Whelan, deputy  
and cashier; Walter F. Drake, division  
deputy; Albert M. Webster, deputy gauge-  
r; Charles Chong, deputy and messen-  
ger.

The retiring acting collector endeared  
himself to the employees during the brief  
period in which he had charge of the de-  
partment, and was wined and dined last  
evening by those who had worked under  
him.

The feature of the evening was the  
presentation of a handsome engraved  
souvenir. Mr. Hasson, who was former-  
ly Naval officer, and who has been  
engaged in business in Hawaii as a civil  
engineer, will return to that profession.  
Mr. Hasson went into the office with Mr.  
Haywood at the latter's request, his in-  
tention then being to remain in the of-  
fice only until Mr. Haywood had every-  
thing running smoothly. Upon the retire-

ment of Mr. Haywood, however, he was  
continued as acting collector and has  
made a good record.

### SHARK HUNTERS.

Find a Good Market for the Skin, Oil  
and Glue Obtained.

Now and again when a sharking ex-  
pedition sails from Honolulu, a very gen-  
eral question is asked as to what the  
use of a shark or any part of him can  
be.

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oil, the residue being used for fertilizer.  
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prices, according to size. The drying  
process makes the skins exceedingly  
hard with a surface smooth as ivory.  
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and is used mostly for covering whip  
handles and instrument cases. Cabinet  
makers and others use it for polishing  
fine grained woods.

From the fins a glue is manufactured  
that is used extensively by silk manu-  
facturers.

### Will Discuss Buddhism.

The members of the Young Men's  
Buddhist Association have been perfect-  
ing plans for a large public meeting to  
be held at the Japanese Buddhist Tem-  
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